

REMARKS

Applicant received a Notice, mailed 06/10/2004, which states that the amendment filed on 04/02/2003 in response to an Office Action mailed 12/17/2002 was non-compliant. In the Notice, the Examiner states that amended claims 19-20 recite the phrase "epidermal growth factor" whereas the original claims recited "epidermal growth factor **receptor**" and that it could not be determined whether this was an intended amendment or an error. A similar observation was made concerning new claim 33.

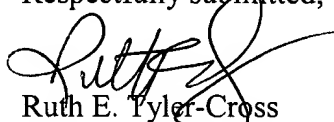
Applicant assures Examiner that the omission of the word "receptor" was a clerical error and that it was not intended to eliminate the word "receptor" from the claims. Further to a telephone discussion with Examiner Priebe on June 15, 2004, Applicant herewith submits a new amendment to the claims in which this error is corrected and the claim amendments are submitted in proper form.

Applicant notes that the original amendment was filed on April 2, 2003. However, it was apparently lost by the USPTO and was resubmitted by facsimile to Examiner Priebe on September 30, 2003. Formal drawings were filed in the case on April 2, 2003.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims at an early date is requested. Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 703-787-9400 (fax: 703-787-7557; email: ruth@wcc-ip.com) to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

If an extension of time is required for this response to be considered as being timely filed, a conditional petition is hereby made for such extension of time. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,


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